

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on 11/16/04
[Signature]
Gerard J. McGowan, Jr.
Reg. No. 29,412
Attorney for Applicant(s)

11/15/04
Date of Signature

PATENT

CASE #F3318(C)
UNUS #02-0548-UNI

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ormerod et al.
Serial No.: 10/678,465
Filed: October 3, 2003
For: Freezing Vegetables

Group: 3744
Examiner: ----
EDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 07020

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Documents relating to the above-identified application are submitted herewith. These documents are intended for the Examiner's information and for citation with the instant case. This submission does not constitute either a representation that a thorough search has been made or an admission that the documents cited herein are properly citable against the above-captioned patent application. Any comments accompanying the document are not intended to take the place of the Examiner's

independent consideration of each document. An attached PTO Form 1449 lists all the documents.

GB Search Report claiming priority on GB Application No. 0223339.3 dated February 26, 2003

U.S. Patent No. 6,096,361 (Yamane et al.)

U.S. Patent No. 5,599,572 (Bourne)

GB 1 232 410

U.S. Patent No. 3,736,154 - mentioned on page 1 of the specification

EP 554 468 - mentioned on page 2 of the specification

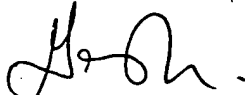
EP 1 249 171 - which relates to EP Application. No. 2251681 mentioned on page 2 of the specification

Under Applicants' Duty of Disclosure, the Examiner is informed of a related co-pending application as follows:

Applicant: Asquith et al.
Serial No.: 10/117,429
Filed: April 5, 2002
FOR: Freezing Vegetables

No additional fee is required since this information is filed prior to the first Office Action on the merits. Please charge any additional fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1155.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerard J. McGowan, Jr.
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 29,412

GJM:pod
(201) 840-2297

FORM PTO-1449

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: F3318(C)

SERIAL NO.: 0/678,465

APPLICANT: Ormerod et al.

FILING DATE: October 3, 2003

GROUP: 3744

JAN 20 2004

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME OF INVENTOR	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	1	6,096,361	8/00	Yamane et al.			
	2	5,599,572	2/97	Bourne			
	3	3,736,154	5/73	Finkle			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	4	1 232 410	5/71	Great Britain			
	5	1 249 171	4/02	Europe			
	6	554 468	10/97	Europe (with Derwent abstract)			

OTHER DOCUMENTS

	7	GB Search Report claiming priority on GB Appln. No. 0223339.3 dated February 26, 2003
	8	Co-pending application for Asquith et al., Serial no. 10/117,429; filed April 5, 2002

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: INITIAL IF CITATION CONSIDERED, WHETHER OR NOT CITATION IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH MPEP 609; DRAW LINE THOROUGH CITATION IF NOT IN CONFORMANCE AND NOT CONSIDERED. INCLUDE COPY OF THIS FORM WITH NEXT COMMUNICATION TO APPLICANT.